



PTO/SB/08a/b (08-03)  
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0851-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>			<b>Complete if Known</b>		
			Application Number	10/771,598	
			Filing Date	February 4, 2004	
			First Named Inventor	James D. Ralph	
			Art Unit	3732	
			Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned	
Sheet	1	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	SPINE 3.0-434 CIP CONT

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
TB	AA	US-2002/0128714-A1	09-12-2002	Manasas et al.	
	AB	US-2003/0009223	01-09-2003	Fehling et al.	
	AC	US-2003/0009224-A1	01-09-2003	Kuras	
	AD	US-2003/0014111-A1	01-16-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AE	US-2003/0014112-A1	01-16-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AF	US-2003/0040801-A1	02-27-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AG	US-2003/0045939-A1	03-06-2003	Casutt	
	AH	US-2003/0078662-A1	04-24-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AI	US-2003/0078667-A1	04-24-2003	Manasas et al.	
	AJ	US-2003/0083749-A1	05-01-2003	Kuslich et al.	
	AK	US-2003/0191534-A1	10-09-2003	Viart et al.	
	AL	US-2003/0208271-A1	11-06-2003	Kuras	
	AM	US-2004/0002761-A1	01-01-2004	Rogers et al.	
	AN	US-2004/0002762-A1	01-01-2004	Hawkins	
	AO	US-3,867,728	02-25-1975	Stubstad et al.	
	AP	US-4,309,777	01-12-1982	Patil	
	AQ	US-4,759,769	07-26-1988	Hedman et al.	
	AR	US-4,997,432	03-05-1991	Keller	
	AS	US-5,123,926	06-23-1992	Pisharodi	
	AT	US-5,314,477	05-24-1994	Marnay	
	AU	US-5,383,772	01-24-1995	Richardson, Jr. et al.	
	AV	US-5,401,269	03-28-1995	Buttner-Janz et al.	
	AW	US-5,458,642	10/1995	Beer et al.	
	AX	US-5,556,431	09/1996	Buttner-Janz	
	AY	US-5,562,738	10/1996	Boyd et al.	
	AZ	US-5,666,243	09-09-1997	Brent	
	AA1	US-5,674,296	10-07-1997	Bryan et al.	
	AB1	US-5,676,701	10/1997	Yuan et al.	
	AC1	US-5,676,702	10/1997	Ratron	
	AD1	US-5,683,465	11/1997	Shinn et al.	
	AE1	US-5,755,796	05/1998	Ibo et al.	
	AF1	US-5,782,832	07-21-1998	Larsen et al.	
	AG1	US-5,827,328	10/1998	Buttermann	
	AH1	US-5,865,846	02/1999	Bryan et al.	
	AI1	US-5,888,226	03/1999	Rogozinski	
	AJ1	US-5,893,889	04-13-1999	Harrington	
	AK1	US-5,895,428	04/1999	Berry	
	AL1	US-5,899,941	05/1999	Nishijima et al.	
	AM1	US-5,928,284	07-27-1999	Mehdizadeh	
	AN1	US-5,989,291	11/1999	Ralph et al.	
AO1	US-6,001,130	12/1999	Bryan et al.		
AP1	US-6,019,792	02/2000	Cauthen		
AQ1	US-6,039,763	03/2000	Shelokov		
AR1	US-6,063,121	05/2000	Xavier et al.		
AS1	US-6,113,637	09/2000	Gill et al.		
AT1	US-6,136,031	10/2000	Middleton		
Examiner Signature	/Thomas Barrett/			Date Considered	09/05/2006

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (Use as many sheets as necessary)			<b>Complete if Known</b>		
			Application Number	10/771,598	
			Filing Date	February 4, 2004	
			First Named Inventor	James D. Ralph	
			Art Unit	3732	
			Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned	
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	SPINE 3.0-434 CIP CONT

TB	AU1	US-6,146,421	11/2000	Gordon et al.	
	AV1	US-6,151,934	11-28-2000	Chong et al.	
	AW1	US-6,156,067	12/2000	Bryan et al.	
	AX1	US-6,179,874	01/2001	Cauthen	
	AY1	US-6,228,118	05/2001	Gordon	
	AZ1	US-6,231,609	05-15-2001	Mehdizadeh	
	AA2	US-6,368,350	04-09-2002	Erickson et al.	
	AB2	US-6,375,682	04-23-2002	Fleischmann et al.	
	AC2	US-6,416,551	07-09-2002	Keller	
	AD2	US-6,454,806	09-24-2002	Cohen et al.	
	AE2	US-6,468,310	10/2002	Ralph et al.	
	AF2	US-6,517,580	02-11-2003	Ramadan et al.	
	AG2	US-6,520,996	02/2003	Manasas et al.	
	AH2	US-6,527,804-B1	03-04-2003	Gauchet et al.	
	AI2	US-6,527,806	03-04-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AJ2	US-6,579,320	06-17-2003	Gauchet et al.	
	AK2	US-6,582,466	06-24-2003	Gauchet	
	AL2	US-6,582,468	06-24-2003	Gauchet	
	AM2	US-6,592,624	07-15-2003	Fraser et al.	
	AN2	US-6,607,558	08-19-2003	Kuras	
	AO2	US-6,645,248	11-11-2003	Casutt	
	AP2	US-6,669,732	12-30-2003	Serhan et al.	
	AQ2	US-6,673,113	01-06-2004	Ralph et al.	
V	AR2	US-6,682,562	01-27-2004	Viart et al.	
	AS2	US-6,723,127	04-20-2004	Ralph et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	†
		Country Code <sup>2</sup> -Number <sup>3</sup> -Kind Code <sup>4</sup> (if known)				

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>2</sup>

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Examiner Signature	/Thomas Barrett/	Date Considered	09/05/2006
--------------------	------------------	-----------------	------------